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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INDICATION OF EMBASSY INTEREST IN CON-  
FERENCE ON COCOA, COCAINE AND COCA PASTE

1. DR. R. RAUL JERI SENT A LETTER DATED JUNE 3 TO DR.  
JEAN PAUL SMITH OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE  
DESCRIBING A PLAN TO ORGANIZE AN INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON  
COCA AND COCAINE IN PERU. THIS SEMINAR WOULD EMPHASIZE  
SOCIOLOGICAL AND MEDICAL ASPECTS AND WAS CONSIDERED FOR  
OCTOBER 23-27, 1978, BUT MAY BE DELAYED.

2. THE LETTER TO SMITH STATES: QUOTE WE THINK THE TIME  
HAS COME TO REUNITE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES  
TO ERADICATE COCA LEAF CHEWING AND REPLACE COCA PLANTA-  
TIONS BY SOME OTHER PLANTS THAT MIGHT REPLACE THE ECONOMIC  
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LOSS OF COCA DISCONTINUATION. THERE IS URGENT NEED TO  
AGREE ON PARALLEL LINES OF ACTION BETWEEN PERU AND  
BOLIVIA, BECAUSE IF ONLY ONE COUNTRY CEASES TO PRODUCE  
COCA, THE OTHER WILL EVENTUALLY INCREASE ITS OUTPUT DUE  
CONSIDERABLE DEMAND QUOTE.

3. THE TOPIC AREAS PROPOSED IN THE LETTER INCLUDED:

HISTORY, LEAF CHEWING IN FOUR COUNTRIES, BOTANICAL STUDIES,

REPLACEMENT OF COCA PLANTATIONS, ILLEGAL PREPARATION OF THE COCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE AND COCA PASTE, CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF PASTE AND ADULTERANTS, PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL EFFECTS, ACUTE INTOXICATING EFFECTS OF SMOKING PASTE, BODY FLUID IDENTIFICATION OF DRUGS, TREATMENT OF COCA DEPENDENTS, AND CENTERS TO DO STUDIES ON COCAINE DEPENDENCY AND DELINQUENCY.

4. LETTER QUOTE HOPES NIDA MIGHT BE INTERESTED QUOTE AND SEND A DELEGATION TO THIS MEETING. UNESCO, UN, PAHO AND UNIVERSITIES WILL ALSO BE INVITED.

5. A SECOND LETTER, DATED JUNE 5, DESCRIBED CLINICAL STUDY OF 158 PATIENTS IN THE LIMA AREA WHO WERE DEPENDENT ON COCAINE PASTE BY SMOKING. LETTER REQUESTS COMMENTS FROM NIDA AT EARLIEST CONVENIENCE ON THE ARTICLE SENT BY JERI.

6. NIDA INTERNAL REVIEW RESULTED IN INTEREST IN THE JERI CONFERENCE ON THE PART OF THE RESEARCH AND MEDICAL SECTIONS. U.S. SUPPORT FOR CONFERENCE NOT REQUESTED OR MENTIONED IN LETTER. EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT NIDA HAS APPROVED A GRANT - 1R13 DA-011921-01 - TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, FOR A CONFERENCE ON UNCLASSIFIED

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COCA TO BE HELD IN CUZCO BEFORE THE END OF JUNE 1979. TOPICS TO BE COVERED IN THE FOUR-DAY MEETING ARE: ETHNOHISTORY, ETHNO-BOTANY, PHARMACOLOGY, AND CURRENT GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND LEGISLATION. RESEARCHERS WHO ATTEND WOULD COME FROM MANY DISCIPLINES, AND PROCEEDINGS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH. DR. DWAYNE METZGER IS THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR. BUDGET IS \$59,001. THE GRANT IS NOW PROCEEDING THROUGH REGULAR CLEARANCE PROCESS AND WILL BE SENT TO EMBASSY BY OER.

7. S/NM REQUESTS EMBASSY CLARIFY THE SITUATION RE: 1 PROBABLE DATES OF JERI MEETING AND POSSIBLE DUPLICATION OF TOPICS; 2 LONG-TERM INTEREST OF JERI AND HIS COMMITTEE IN COCA AND DRUG ABUSE; AND 3 ANY BENEFICIAL IMPACT HIS MEETING WOULD HAVE. S/NM AND NIDA HAVE IMPRESSION THAT, ALTHOUGH SOME OVERLAP IN TOPICS MIGHT EXIST, DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES WOULD COME FROM ESSENTIALLY DIFFERENT KINDS OF PARTICIPANTS.

8. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION OF EMBASSY INTEREST IN JERI MEETING AND RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING U.S. PARTICIPATION, INCLUDING FUNDING, IF APPROPRIATE. IN RE-

PLY, PLEASE INDICATE PASS TO NIDA. VANCE

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